



COMMISSION ON AGING

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Minutes
July 20, 2015

PRESIDING: Peter Brunner, Chair

Members Attending

Angela Boyter
Barbara Catlin
Roxanne Farrar
Deborah Fleischmann
Susan Hailman
Jan Horan
Julia Mattis
Bob McLaughlin
Andrew Monjan
Eletta Morse
Carolyn Rimes
S.K. Shin
Sharonlee Vogel
Laureen Wylie

Not Present

Andrew Monjan

Office on Aging

Starr Sowers

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Approve Agenda

Pete Brunner requested that the 50+ EXPO update and the White House Briefing be moved earlier in the agenda. Laureen Wylie moved to accept the amended agenda and Susan Hailman seconded the motion. Motion was approved. *All in favor. Agenda accepted.*

Approve Minutes

Sharonlee Vogel moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and Bob McLaughlin seconded the motion. Motion was approved. *All in favor. Minutes accepted.*

Regional Partnership for Health System Transformation

Pete Brunner shared that he had passed on Eletta Morse's interest in participating in one of the health-related cores but that he had not had a volunteer for the social needs core.

MDCOA Conference

Pete shared that the Commission will receive two admissions for the MDCOA Conference in September. If a Commissioner is interested in attending, please contact Pete directly. Sharonlee Vogel suggested Angie Boyter be considered as an attendee.

COGS Raffle

The Commission received a request from COGS to provide a basket/item for its annual silent auction, held at their Casino Night fundraiser. Pete consulted with the Office and obtained permission to use COA funds for this if the Commission was interested. After discussion, it was decided that the Commission would not participate as their limited budget would not allow them to assist any organization seeking sponsorship.

White House Briefing

Barbara Catlin provided a summary of the White House Briefing on Aging. Her full write up of the event is attached.

50+EXPO

Pete suggested a subcommittee be formed to decide on the goals/materials at the Commission's booth at the annual 50+EXPO. Jan Horan volunteered to participate. Anyone else interested should contact Pete directly.

Howard County Police Senior Liaison

Pfc. Andre Lingham attended the meeting to provide information on the Police Department's Senior Liaison program. The program was created 8 years ago as a response to the growing number of seniors in the county with the goal of developing and implementing crime control and prevention programs for older county residents. Andre is currently provided five seminars around the community: Identity Theft, Safe Driving, Senior Safety Tips, Fraud/Scams/Financial Exploitation, and Carfit (offered twice per year, usually May and October).

Andre also discussed several ways the Commission could be of value to the Police department; chiefly sharing his information so more people are exposed to the program and help advocate for stronger regulations on powers of attorney.

Office on Aging Report

The Office is in the process of getting the Master Plan printed. Copies will be provided to the Commission, Advisory Group, and Working Group prior to the public release.

Main Street is sold out at the 50+ EXPO. Currently there are still booths available upstairs and a small number remain in the Exhibit halls.

The Ribbon Cutting for the Ellicott City 50 Fitness Center and renovated 50+ Center will be held September 17 at 11am. All Commission members are welcome to attend.

Womenfest will be held April 30, 2016 at Glenwood 50+ Center.

Governmental Affairs Committee Report

The Committee is still trying to arrange a meeting with Montgomery County. Starr offered to reach out to Odile Brunetto to help facilitate a conversation.

Nominating Committee

Pete asked for volunteers for a nominating committee to present potential options for a new chair/vice chair. Carolyn Rimes, Angie Boyter, and Roxanne Farrar all volunteered to participate.

Old Business

None

New Business

Decentralizing MAP

Angie Boyter asked a question about how the decentralization of MAP would work and if it would result in increased wait times to speak with a counselor as they would be more spread out. The answer is no-once the technology is in place, phones would continue to “roll over” to the first counselor available, regardless of their physical location.

August Meeting

It was decided that the Commission would meet in August to discuss the 50+EXPO and the results of the Nominating Committee.

HCGH's Stroke Group Art Show

Debbie Fleischmann shared that the hospital's Stroke Group would be hosting an art show on October 1. She will share more information as it is available.

Adjournment

Barbara Catlin motioned to adjourn. Carolyn Rimes seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Rittenhouse

Next Meeting: August 17, 2015, Ellicott City Senior Center Annex, 7pm